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For: HIGH-PERFORMANCE MEMBRANE  
ELECTRODE UNIT AND THE USE THEREOF  
IN FUEL CELLS

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Examiner: A. A. Arciero

**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 21, 2011,  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper